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METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
CONTROLLING A SHUTDOWN OF AN
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 9

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In response to the Advisory Action mailed March 11, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add Claims 22, 23, and 24 as follows:

Sub D1 22. (New) An apparatus for controlling the shutdown of an internal combustion engine,
comprising:

an intake manifold configured to conduct an intake charge of air to an intake port of the
internal combustion engine;

5 an electronic throttle configured to alter said intake charge of air to said intake port of
the internal combustion engine; and

a computerized controller configured to control said throttle such that a substantial
termination of said intake charge of air is provided during the shutdown of the internal
combustion engine.